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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9913

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FOR AID/PHA/FDRC

REQUEST DEPT PASS NIACT IMMEDIATE TO DOD, JCS AND USCINCSO. AND
IMMEDIATE TO SAN JOSE, MANAGUA, TEGUCIGALPA, SAN SALVADOR AND MEXICO

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SWEL, GT

SUBJ: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE

1. DR. LUIS SIECKAVIZZA ALVAREZ OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE,
HAS GIVEN EMBASY FOLLOWING ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
BASED ON LATEST ARMY REPORTS. HEAVIEST DAMAGE RUNS FROM QUICHE
DEPARTMENT THROUGH CHIMALTENANGO AND GUATEMALA DEPARTMENT TO
IZABAL ON ATLANTIC. DAMAGE ALONG PACIFIC COAST REPORTED LIGHT.

2. SIECKAVIZZA REPORTS 400 DEAD IN ZACAPA, 200 DEAD IN SAN JUAN
SACATEPEQUEZ, 500 DEAD IN QUICHE, 50-60 HURT IN QUETZALTENANGO
AND 150 HURT IN PUERTO BARRIOS WITH MINOR DAMAGE TO HOMES. NO
REPORTS RECEIVED FROM PETEN OR JUTIAPA.

3. LANDSLIDES HAVE CLOSED AND PARTICALLY CLOSED ROADS TO
QUETZALTENANGO AND ESCUINTLA RESPECTIVELY. PENTE DE AGUA
CALIENTE AT 33 KILOMETER MARK ON ROAD TO ATLANTIC AND
HONDURAS IS HEAVILY DAMAGED, IMPASSABLE AND MAY FALL. NO
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ROAD TO SALVADOR.

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